Stowmarket & District Beekeepers' Association

Minutes of meeting held Thursday, 28th February, 2019, 7.30pm at Tony Payne's

Present: Tony Payne (President), Richard Martin, Andy Smith, Alan Seager, Bohdan Antoniw, Maggie Lawrence

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- 1. Apologies: Kirsten Ryland, Roger Chapman, Caroline Crosthwaite
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct
- 3. Matters arising:
 - KR to follow up banner purchase

4. Correspondence: none

KR

- 5. **Treasurer's Report**: £7,760.26 in bank and cash to put in. Waiting for bill from Red Gables, Creeting St Mary village hall and Beecraft Magazine. AS requested to see Red Gables invoices as he is concerned SDBKA may have received some that he has incurred personally. Capitation of approx. £1,900 will be due in April
- Membership up-date: RC not present, but there are continuing issues with database access and AS and RC working on efficiency to stop anomalies slipping through the system
- 7. **Appointment of Roles**: RM to ask FO if he wants to remain as Suffolk Show Rep. AP recommended deferment of other role decisions until all Committee members present

RM

- AGM: 22 members incl. Committee attended. Kathryn Martin, Sue Haynes and Angela Payne thanked for delicious lunch. Agreed to try holding the AGM on a mid-week evening and AS has booked Red Gables for Thursday, 20th February 2020, 6-10pm.
- 9. **2019 Shows:** Potato Day went well 20lb honey sold, less £15 for cost of stall Wyken Hall no January market. In Feb, FO sold 12lb honey.
- 10. Club Apiary: RM has fed 3 colonies and will feed 3 more this week. He will pass on any expenses to be paid by the association. Shed has been painted but Apiary needs a tidy-up date fixed for 10th March. AP volunteered to swap his National for the 14 x 12 for . Agreed it was best done with bees so both Apiary and Tony to confirm colonies have survived winter

RM/AP

11. **Beginners' Course:** numbers highest ever at 30 – too many for the practicals. AS to put together a programme (7/8 at each site – RM, AP and Club Apiary. AP mentioned that someone on last year's

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was not happy. It was reported that Feedback forms had not gone out and AS agreed to send out Feedback forms to 2018 course attendees.

12. Cups: Bob Gosling has cups. RM to collect and store in shop

RM

13. **Any Other Business:** There are still some of last year's members who have not renewed. Email to be sent to them asking if they want to renew. AS and RC to co-ordinate. Paul O'Neill has given up bees

RC/AS

14. **Date of Next Meeting**: Thursday, 11th April 2019, 7.30pm at Richard Martin's